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It's clear by his leer, spring is here...



Debbie Reynolds / The Observer

Senior Roosevelt Smith Jr. relaxes during a break on the first day of intramural softball. Over 90 teams are participating in this spring's program.

## President's house gets a new look

by KyLynn K. Kosoff  
Staff reporter

Central's Board of Trustees has authorized spending \$35,000 to renovate living quarters for President Ivory V. Nelson and his wife.

Board members toured the home after former president Donald L. Garrity left for Japan. They found that very little work had been done to the residence since it was expanded in the 1960s.

The funds, not to exceed \$35,000, will come from the university's capital budget, which is used strictly for construction and remodeling. Remodeling will be done only on the residence section of the home. The other section of the building is used for receptions and other university functions.

Maintenance work on the house began last January when all the interior surfaces were painted. This type of work is not included in the capital budget. It comes from a different budget which is used year around for upgrading university facilities such as landscaping, painting and cleaning.

The remodeling of the president's home is expected to begin in the next couple of weeks. Plans range from replacing carpets, draperies, cabinets, counter tops and the dishwasher to revising light switch operations in the master bedroom.

Completion is scheduled prior to Mrs. Nelson's arrival from Texas in June, according to John Holman, director of Facilities Management.

"What we hope to do is have most of the interior work done by the time she moves here with her household furnishings," Holman said.

Facilities Management recently discussed items that need to be done on the house with the Nelsons. Additional suggestions were given by the Nelsons on specific changes that they would like to have made. The next step is to seek bids on sections of the work, such as carpet replacement, from various companies.

The house, located on 10th

## Department heads to organize Nelson says already too many committees

by Michael Radice  
Editor

Music Department Chairman Russ Shultz told the Faculty Senate last week that he plans to form a committee of all department heads to exchange ideas and improve communication.

The committee, to be called the Academic Department Chair's Organization (ADCO) is open to all department chairs and program directors who have budgetary responsibilities.

In addition to the exchange of ideas, ADCO will have these other purposes:

- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in order to assist the campus community.
  - To serve as liaison to the administration and other campus groups in order to enhance the efficiency of the academic departments.
  - To protect the interests of the members of the group [department heads].
- The move came as a surprise



"I want to make the current system work." "Just give me a chance to do that."

-President Ivory V. Nelson



"Go for it."

-Music Department Chairperson Russ Shultz

Shultz responded "Go for it."

The decision of the department heads to band together comes on the heels of a comment made by Nelson concerning the fate of some academic departments on campus.

Nelson suggested that departments with less than 15 faculty should be integrated with other departments. This, he said, would ease Central's budget crunch and improve the university's general education program.

"We have a problem in our general education program," Nelson said. "It must be funded first."

"Our funding situation has gotten us into trouble—the money needs to go to general education first," he said.

Nelson called on the faculty senate to help in establishing a strategic plan for Central.

"We need to get people talking to each other," he said. "When that happens, interesting things start happening."

system work," he said. "Just give me a chance to do that."

Shultz said if a situation arises that proves the group [ADCO] should cease to exist, the group would consider disbanding.

"I'll take that as a challenge," Nelson said.

to President Ivory V. Nelson, who was at the meeting.

Nelson said there were already too many committees and that the formation of another would add to bureaucratic problems already plaguing Central.

"I want to make the current

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Kristen Kail Absher/The Observer

The presidential mansion on tenth street has been the home of many Central presidents. Soon, the Nelsons will see a \$35,000 improvement.

## Renovations to be paid out of capital budget

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Avenue, was built in the 1940s. Former university president Robert McConnell and his family were the first to reside in the home after Central purchased it. The McConnells left in 1959. No Central president lived in it again until 1961, when President James Brooks and his family moved in.

During Brooks' administration, several additions were built on the house, including a second story in the residence section, a reception hall, and an room adjoining the reception

hall. These were the last expansions to the residence.

The Brooks family lived in the house until 1978. Recently, Brooks, who is now a professor of geography here at Central, and his wife toured the house. They said the house hadn't changed much since they lived there.

"It's really in excellent condition," Brooks said.

Brooks helped design the expansion built in the 60s. He wanted the additions to blend in with the original house. From the outside, it looks as though the entire house was built all at once, Brooks said.

## Nelson implements plan for minorities and women

by Katy Anderson  
News editor

President Ivory V. Nelson has implemented a plan to increase minority representation among Central's faculty, staff and administration. The plan includes requiring women and minority representation on all search committees and keeping searches open until an adequate number of minority and women candidates have applied.

Nelson said he is committed to this plan so Central can meet the demands of the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board and "the needs of a state whose population (and future work force) is becoming increasingly diverse."

Nelson said his strategies "have proven successful at

other institutions of higher education."

"Individuals who appoint search committees are required to include women and minorities as members in the recruitment and selection of their colleagues," Nelson stated in an April 6 memo to all administrators, faculty and staff.

"Their participation will enhance committee recruitment and outreach efforts as well as provide valuable perspectives during the screening and interview stages of the search," Nelson said.

Nelson asked departments with no women or minorities on their faculty to appoint individuals from outside their department.

Departments that already have search committees in effect will be expected to include women and minorities as

space becomes available, he said.

Second, Nelson said he will make recruiting women and minorities a top priority.

"Search committees will develop aggressive recruitment measures to attract minority and women candidates," he said.

"When applicant pools do not reflect diversity (based on availability data from the Affirmative Action Office), searches will be extended and recruitment will continue until women and minority candidates are adequately represented."

Nelson said his intention is to "open up the search process and allow for fuller participation of women and people of color, as both decision makers and as applicants."

Nelson said his order was in effect immediately.



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## Daily parking ticket dispensers pulled

by Ellen Pope,  
Staff reporter

Kathy Watson's recent odyssey through Central's parking lots started on a chilly April morning, when she drove into the lot north of the psychology building and discovered that the parking ticket dispenser was missing.

Kathy, a senior at Central, had parked there throughout the previous quarter. "I was late for class, so I whipped in there and—the machine was gone!" Still fuming, she related how she drove to the lot in front of Nicholson Pavilion, only to find that its ticket dispenser had also been removed.

Revvng up her little four-cylinder to a roar, she sped on "over to the skinny lot behind the pool," she said. No luck there, either. She tried the library lot. It was full. "I ended up parking in somebody's backyard," she shrugged. "After class, I moved my car all the way down to Bouillon to park."



Walt Atkinson/The Observer

Ticket dispensers are disappearing all over campus.

Wendell Hill, Central's auxiliary services director, offered answers to Kathy's frustrated questions about the missing "spitters." "Since Barge and Shaw-Smyser halls are being remodeled, more faculty have been moving to the north side of campus and that created parking problems," he said. Most of them buy quarterly permits. "The first right (to park) should go to the people who

make a long-term commitment," he added.

Hill said he removed three spitters, two from the lot south of Nicholson Pavilion and one from north of the psychology building. "But we put one in at the gravel lot west of Tomlinson Field," he said.

The 50-cent daily permits are only good for the lots where purchased, said Hill. But campus meter attendants

have been giving just warnings the first week of the quarter and this week due to the changes. Starting next week, however, it will be "business as usual," according to campus police. Cars that do not display any ticket on the dash will be cited. No parking permits are needed after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends.

Hill said he is adding four 30-minute parking spaces in front of the gym for free parking. They will be near the crosswalk at 14th Avenue. The signs should be up within a few days, he said. He also plans to add four 15-minute spaces north of Hertz Hall.

He recommends that people buy \$20 quarterly permits in Mitchell Hall if they regularly park on campus. Twelve dollar permits for graveled lots only are also available, as well as \$6.50 motorcycle permits for parking in designated motorcycle areas. Weekly permits can also be purchased and yearly permits offer substantial savings. Permits can also be obtained by mail.

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## National News Briefs

**Las Vegas** — Former President Ronald Reagan, speaking at the National Association of Broadcasters Tuesday, was shaken as an anti-nuclear activist rushed the stage and smashed a crystal statue.

Glass pieces hit Reagan in the head but he was not hurt. Secret Service agents

grabbed the man and hustled him away as Reagan looked on.

**Chicago** — Life came to stand-still in downtown Chicago Monday after 250 million gallons of water from the Chicago River leaked into underground tunnels.

The city turned off the electricity in downtown buildings. No injuries were reported. Power was expected back on Wednesday.

**Atlanta** — The PGA's hottest player, Fred Couples, continued his winning ways by taking The Masters Sunday by two shots over Ray Floyd. The Seattle native has won six PGA tour events in the past 10 months.

**Johannesburg, South Africa** — After a turbulent 34 year marriage, Nelson and Winnie Mandela have announced they are separating.

Citing tensions because of differences over several issues, the Mandelas said the separation is amicable.

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# Proposed science building to replace parking lot

by Estrella T. Faelnar  
Staff reporter

Plans are underway to construct a new science building between Dean Hall and Hertz Hall on what is now the SUB parking lot, according to John Holman, director of facilities management.

Originally, funds were allocated to conduct a pre-planning study to remodel Dean Hall, the existing science building. However, William W. Barker, chairman of the biology department, said it would be "expensive" to remodel the 25-year-old science

building so that it would meet safety standard codes.

It was later decided that a new science complex is needed that would "have the flexibility to serve the science community in Ellensburg for the next 100 years," said Holman.

The new science complex would open up Dean Hall for occupation by other university offices. Potential occupants include all of the special services offices in Kamola Hall, the telecommunications building across from the power plant, and Information Services in Bouillon Hall.

Central's Facilities Manage-

ment has been working on building plans for the estimated \$90 million project since last fall with three architectural companies — Tsang Partnerships, from Tacoma; Sasaki Associates, an international company in San Francisco; and McClellan Copenhagen, an international company of lab planners based in Seattle. Construction is predicted to begin in the spring of 1994 and would probably continue over three biennia, or six years.

The \$54 million science building will have a four-story wing on the west side and three-

story wings on the north and east sides. The complex will house classrooms for chemistry, biology, science education and physics.

Holman expects the relocation of the SUB parking lot will be "hotly debated."

The plan calls for a 250,000-square-foot building to be placed 100 feet south of Dean Hall and 100 feet north of Hertz Hall. The parking lot would be moved across D Street and north of Fourteenth Avenue.

The proposal will be submitted to the president's advisory committee as well as the board of trustees and the adminis-

trative executive group, which Holman said are "the main directors of the fate of this project."

If approved, funding for the project will come from the capital budget.

The proposal will be presented to Central President Ivory V. Nelson May 11. Holman said he is confident that Nelson will agree that the project is important.

"Nationally, there is a strong push towards science at the university and K through 12th (grade) levels," he said.

Central's science facilities are about 25 years old.

## Police beat

By Andrew Martin  
Staff reporter

• According to campus police, two mountain bikes were taken from Student Village and Stephens-Whitney on Saturday. One was a men's black fifteen speed with yellow trim, the other was a men's eighteen speed bike locked to a stairwell at Stephens-Whitney. The lock is also missing.

• A Muzzall resident was cited for MIP/Malicious Mischief after an LGA reported he was drinking and damaging property in the hall.

A Beck resident reported that one hundred dollars was taken from her handbag last Tuesday.

• Campus police responded to Kamola Hall after an LGA reported that a loud alarm clock was going off on Sunday. The residents of the room were not home, so the officer entered and shut it off. They then secured the door and left.

• An Al-Monty resident reported that a glass covering on a fire extinguisher was broken on Saturday. According to campus police, there are no suspects or witnesses at this

time.

• On Friday, a door was found broke open at Hertz Hall by a person who was locking up the building. A campus officer removed the broken door parts and secured the door.

• Early Thursday morning, a man was spotted climbing up to a second floor ledge at Courson Hall. According to campus police, he entered the building through a second floor window and left the building the same way. Campus officers checked the building and the surrounding area along with Ellensburg police, but did not locate the man. They said that the man did not disturb anything in the building.

• A physically challenged person in a wheelchair fell down two stairs between Hitchcock and Meisner Hall on Thursday. The Barto resident suffered a laceration to his chin and scrapes to his hands and fingers. He was transported to Kittitas Valley Community Hospital by ambulance for treatment.

• Two police officers were injured in a charity boxing event last Friday in the SUB. One officer has cracked ribs and the other is doing just fine.



## BACCHUS KO's substance abuse

by Michelle Miller  
Staff reporter

Substance abuse and local police officers both took a beating last weekend at a BACCHUS weekend conference. Substance abuse was tackled in workshops and the officers were tackled in the boxing ring during a charity Fight for Life.

The Northwest Regional Conference on Collegiate Wellness was open to all Washington state college groups with an interest in student health. The conference and activities took place in the SUB. Lindsay Rude, 23, elementary education major and BACCHUS student trustee, coordinated the event.

BACCHUS is a campus organization which promotes responsible decision making regarding the use or non-use of alcohol or other substances.

The conference was comprised mainly of workshops in which students discussed issues such as student leadership, safe sex, sexually trans-

mitted diseases and alcohol awareness.

Students brainstormed new ways to discuss these issues, coming up with fresh ideas for drug and alcohol awareness programs.

Students also shared information about success rates of various methods and programs already implemented at their own universities.

This is the second year in a row that Central has hosted the conference. BACCHUS member Chris Freeman was pleased to see an increase in the number of participating students.

"Last year we had only 20 people—this year we had 75 to 80," Freeman said.

A large part of the weekend's activity was Friday night's "Fight for Life" in the SUB ballroom. The event was attended by more than 400 people, according to program coordinator Jack Baker.

"It was an exciting evening of boxing," Baker said. "There were a few broken ribs and knockdowns, but the boxing was not for bashing... it was for a good cause."

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# EDITORIAL

## OBSERVANCE

### Recycle or else

As the 22nd Earth Day approaches there seems to be a looming question: has the international Earth Day had any impact on the environment in 22 years?

Before we answer that—let's discuss a few things.

First, the most current and perhaps most damaging development is that President Bush is the only world leader not attending the unprecedented Earth Summit in Brazil this June.

How can we expect the citizens of the United States to have any interest in saving the planet if the president doesn't?

The summit's goals may be big: stopping the destruction of rain forests, conserving natural resources, eliminating toxic waste and the greenhouse effect, and reversing global warming, but these goals aren't out of reach.

Admittedly, these goals will take years to reach but the fact is, nothing can be accomplished without the first step.

George has yet to put on his shoes.

How many people recall Bush's campaign-speak that he wanted to be the "environmental president?"

Not unlike his stance on taxes and its subsequent reversal, Bush seems incapable of keeping one campaign or platform promise. Something about "read my lips" comes to mind.

While we busy ourselves with getting an education to better our futures and the futures of our children, we can no longer neglect or ignore the environment, without which we have no future.

I don't know how much clearer I can be. Without a clean and healthy environment, we have no future.

As for Central's part in saving the planet, the university has implemented a recycling program and the dining halls introduced the Earth Cup.

Is this enough? Can we do more?

These are questions people have to ask themselves and those around them before any changes can be made.

I wonder if everyone knows where the Ellensburg recycling center is. In a city this size, how hard is it to find?

How hard is it separate aluminum cans and newspapers and take them to the recycling center? My roommate Dana and I have a great little system of recycling. We do it.

At this point, no one can afford not to.

Kristina Hansen, editor



## LETTERS

### Peter fans express outrage over letter

To the editor:

As students who participated in the Feb. 4 legislative trip to the capitol, we were outraged by Aaron Reardon's letter to the editor that appeared in the April 9 edition.

Mr. Reardon suggested that Eric Peter and the other students who attended the legislative trip did little more at the capitol than hear the history of the marble floors.

Though Mr. Reardon may have spent his day at the capitol admiring the scenery and taking tours, the rest of us met with our various senators and representatives thanks to appointments made by our student gov-

ernment.

We spent 30 minutes talking to out district legislator, Rep. Peggy Johnson. During that time we were able to discuss concerns about proposed tuition increases and our hopes of having a student on Central's Board of Trustees.

We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to ASCWU President Eric Peter and the rest of the student government officers for making the trip possible and so effective.

Kerry Zech  
Kris Wetzel

### DDR not a newspaper, but a forum

To the editor:

I have always been curious about people who call themselves open-minded and socially aware. But they will make statements about a group of people which does not represent their ideals or goals. If one finds it necessary to comment on an issue, story or commentary appearing in a publication they should stick to the facts as they are presented.

Michael Clinton stated in a letter to the Observer that as a newspaper the Drainage Ditch Review should find objectivity. My question to Mr. Clinton is this: when has anyone associated with the Drainage Ditch Review ever called it a newspaper? What it is, and this has been stated in each issue, is a forum for

anyone on campus to express their views in print if they so desire.

Finally, Mr. Clinton, just because a publication does not agree with your expressed views of the world does not make those writing for it radicals of either the left or right, it just states that they have an opinion. And by the way, Mr. Clinton, please stay away from Capitol Hill and Bellingham as I would not want you exposed to a wide range of cultures and ideas.

Sincerely,

Kip Anderson  
Political Science

### Peter is hardworking, not above the "law"

To the editor:

Our first reaction to the letter written by Aaron G. Reardon regarding Eric Peter and his "pedestal" like leadership style was that it was unfounded and slanderous. Usually such fictitious propaganda does not deserve a response, but these non-truths should not be inflicted on any "chap."

The letter stated that "King

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## From LETTERS/pg. 5

Eric is "brain dead," "lazy," and too "powerful." How did Mr. Reardon come to these conclusions? We would like to know, considering his conspicuous absence from BOD affairs and areas of involvement. As Eric Peter's co-workers, let us tell you that this is not so. Eric is a hard-working and dedicated individual who exceeds the required working hours and has the students' best interests at heart. Eric Peter cannot be described as "lazy" or "above the law." If Mr. Reardon were to investigate the ASCWU constitution, he would find that Eric Peter, as acting chairman, can only vote in the case of a tie. All BOD members have their own opinions in issues allowing no one individual to be the sole bearer of power.

To address the accusation made in regard to the Olympia trip and our representation there, were we and Mr. Reardon on the same trip? In Olympia we did more than just a little sight seeing. Each student has appointments, coordinated prior to the day of the trip by the BOD office, to meet with their legislators and to attend legislative hearings pertaining to tuition increases. It is not Eric's problem if Mr. Reardon did not take advantage of what had been done for him.

Could this letter sent in by Mr. Reardon be a feeble attempt to gain publicity for his rumored candidacy for student body president? We hope students will realize that Mr. Reardon's letter was full of inaccuracies and half-truths.

Sincerely,

Tracy Veness, Representative to Student Living  
Alana Hastings, Representative to Clubs & Organizations  
Dan Sutich, Executive Vice President  
Gisella Zuniga, Representative to Facilities Planning  
Chip Simmons, Representative to Faculty Senate  
Bryce Seibel, Vice President for Political Affairs

## Misuse of language upsets students

To the editor:

Our letter of good-natured intent that appeared in last week's Observer points ironically to certain incoherent passages, unfounded claims, inappropriate responses to student letters, and the frequent misuse of English that we have witnessed in the several years we have been patrons of the newspaper.

Your headline for our letter, "Students would rather complain than participate," wrongfully implies an "either-or" situation. Contrarily, we consider our complaint to be a means by which we do, indeed, participate in the journalistic process. Your response is inappropriately retaliatory when it should serve as a vehicle for good will.

You might, please, take note of the fact that the word "English" should be capitalized. How odd that this particular error should appear in our very letter.

We rest our case,  
Alex Whitman Pistorese  
Eugene J. Pistorese,  
students of English

P.S.—The term "English students" is equally incorrect; it implies we are students from England, which we are not. We signed our original letter "Students of English," which is exactly what we are, but you chose to rearrange our signature line, thereby creating yet another error in English usage.

## Rape: Awareness is key

To the editor:

One in four women will be the victim of rape or attempted rape in her lifetime. An estimated 10% of rape victims are

male. 84% of sexual assault victims know their attackers, and 57% of these women were on a date. The average age of a rape survivor is 18.5 years old.

These may just be statistics, but they are about real people. Young people. People who look and think and talk like you. Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which happens this year April 19-25, is designed to make us aware of the realities of rape and what we can do to change this reality.

The focus this year is on the partners of those who survive a sexual assault. The attack itself may be an isolated event, but the healing and recovery is an ongoing process. There are support systems for survivors and their partners. On campus, STEPS (Students and Staff for the Education and Prevention of Sexual Assault) is available for advocacy and support directly following an assault and throughout the healing process.

Take time now to speak to your partner about sexual assault. Discuss how you might feel if either of you were attacked, and consider the likelihood that it might be someone you know. If you don't have a partner, talk to a friend.

STEPS will be offering programs during Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and invites everyone to an open "educational" (FUN!) meeting on April 21. Please see posters in the SUB for details, or call Pat Cole at the Counseling Center, 963-1391, for more information.

Sincerely,  
The students and staff of  
STEPS



## Nelson should be held responsible now, not later

To the editor:

I agree with Kristina Hansen's opinion (Observer, April 9) that Dr. Nelson has quite a lot of work ahead of him on Central's campus; changes will have to be made. I feel that the students must be an active (and consulted) part of this process because we are who counts on this campus.

While I respect Kristina's opinion, I see the role of the students in Dr. Nelson's plans differently than she. She wrote, "No one wants his/her program or department axed, but the fact is it must be done."

Does it have to be done? Dr. Nelson must consult with the students, whose futures will be greatly affected by him reducing their major departments into a conglomerate. The smaller departments ARE just as important as any of the departments on this campus, and should not be reduced for a budget or any other reason. They are departments because students need, want, and use

them.

Kristina wrote: "Let's give the guy [Dr. Nelson] a chance, see how it flies, and then if his plans crash and burn we can get mad. Then, THE STUDENTS will have to deal with the plans that have crashed and burned." I say NO! I say Dr. Nelson (and the board of trustees) must consult with the students to our satisfaction before he takes our major departments away from us and it's too late.

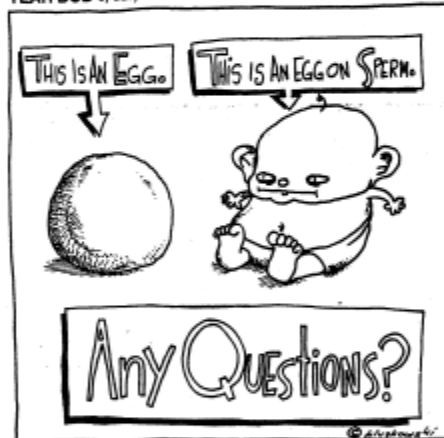
I understand that Dr. Nelson's plans are, to quote him, not "carved in stone" yet, and now is the time to let him know how we feel.

Kristina wrote that if Dr. Nelson's changes are not productive, then, "He will have to be accountable to each and every student on this campus for his plans."

I say Dr. Nelson is accountable to all of us NOW!

Sincerely,  
Arlene Falkin

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## SCENE

# Doctor proves 'Science is Fun'

by Amy Gillespie  
Staff reporter

Central's McConnell Auditorium was packed Friday evening as students, faculty, and Ellensburg citizens attended a program geared to convince them that "Science is Fun."

The "science is fun" lecture was led by Dr. Bassam Shakhshiri, a professor of chemistry at the University of Wisconsin, who is well known nationally for his development and use of demonstrations in the teaching of chemistry.

Shakhshiri, a native of Lebanon, kept the audience on their toes for nearly an hour and a half with his strong voice, comical attitude and requests for audience participation.

Shakhshiri divided the program into two parts, the first serious and the second fun.

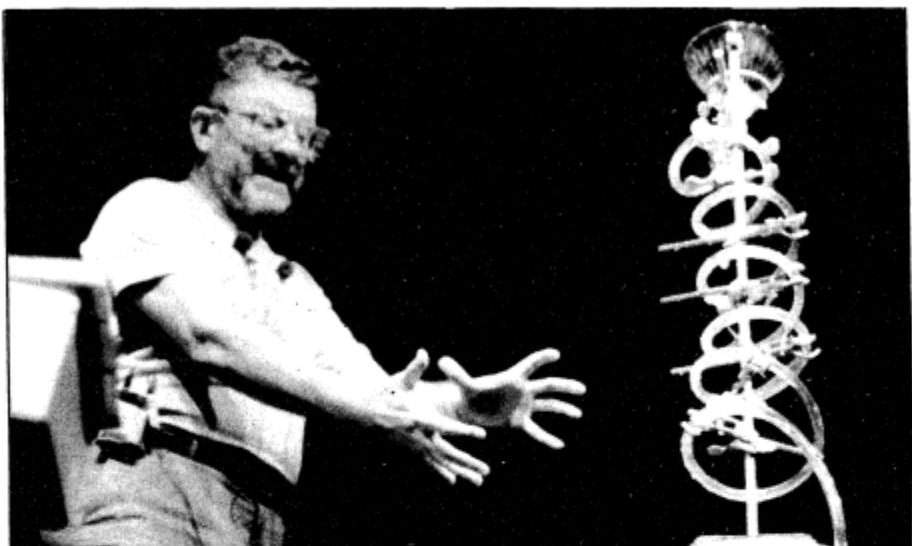
"You can not do anything fun unless you are first serious about it," Shakhshiri said.

"We as the public have a twin national mission: we must first increase the flow of talent into the career of science, and second, see that the public is literate in science, math and technology," he said.

Shakhshiri demonstrated the fun realm of experimenting in science. He warned the audience to "be on the lookout for fires and explosions."

The stage, which was adorned with 12 large cylinders, a blender, several beakers, six balloons and a

spiral siphon unit, then sprang to life before the eyes of the captive audience.



Dr. Bassam Shakhshiri performs a scientific experiment called bioluminescence. By pouring a mixture of elements into his funnel, he created a chemical reaction that emitted light within the spiral tube.

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With these 12 large beakers, Dr. Bassam Shakhshiri presents an experiment called sublimation. The experiment showed how dry ice reacts to the chemicals within the beakers.

Shakhshiri put science into action by conducting experiments in combustion, exploding balloons, floating soap bubbles, polymers and other spectacular scientific phenomena.

Mid-way through the show, he asked the audience's permission to remove his sports jacket, tie and dress shirt, and to their surprise, revealed a gray

T-shirt reading "Science is Fun."

This brief comical intermission provided a great lead-in to one of the biggest crowd pleasers of the entire evening, the chemically oscillating reaction. The audience responded enthusiastically as a two-liter beaker filled with three different solutions repeatedly changed colors from bright blue to yellow.

This experiment "illustrates the beauty and fascination of science," Shakhshiri said.

There was not one moment in the show that left the audience uninterested or bored. Shakhshiri's spectacular demonstrations showed how science can be communicated to all segments of the society.

"Our value system, what we care about and how we treat the environment is what science literacy is all about," Shakhshiri said.

The Central Institute for Science and Society will present its next distinguished lecture in October.

## AROUND THE COUNTY

# Central displays work of well-known artist

by Brent DaPrin  
Scene editor

The Sarah Spurgeon Art Gallery in Randall Hall is currently presenting the paintings of popular Northwest artist Fay Jones through May 1.

The paintings are life-size, ranging up to six feet in width and 10 feet in height. "It took about a year to get used to working big," Jones said.

Prior to 1977, she did small paintings only. "It gives you a broader position of her world," said Cathy Nisbet, Central graduate art student.

Central is fortunate to have paintings by such a highly regarded artist.

Jones's social-cultural art contains a combination of acrylic on paper, with collaging strips of paper forming layers with the paint.

The colors are bright, often sharp, and her work can be

called figurative reflections on some of society's contemporary cultural anxieties.

"They are pertinent observations of today," Nisbet said.

One of the paintings, "Bird Cage," took Jones three months to complete; she worked on three different panels simultaneously on separate walls.

"The challenge was to keep them threaded together in my head," Jones said.

"I am satisfied that it's well constructed and complete, a single statement."

Her art is influenced by language.

"My paintings are very literary," Jones said. "If I could be a writer, I would do it. Words are what makes me weep."

Her work is fiction set in the present. It is caught between a curious affection for history and anxiety for the future.

"I draw on a vivid and inaccurate memory and somewhat quirky observation of con-

temporary American life," Jones said.

She attended the Rhode Island School of Design.

"During and since art school I have been most deeply influenced by Philip Guston's work—his painting and his intelligence about painting," Jones said.

Critics have called Jones "an artist to watch," and Central Washington residents will have an excellent chance to view the painting that have recently kicked her career into high gear, according to Jim Sahlstrand, director of the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery.

Jones also completed a mural for the Seattle Metro Westlake Station and one of her paintings was recently purchased to hang in the Seattle Opera House by the Seattle Arts Commission.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.



Fay Jones' 1984 painting of 'SUN MAN'. The image came out of her fear of heights. It measures 96" in height and 60" in length. The painting sells for \$7,500 unframed.



## ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW

Double movie review...

## 'White Men Can't Jump' and 'Fern Gully'

Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson star in "White Men Can't Jump," a fast-paced, wildly-entertaining film by Director Ron Shelton, creator of "Bull Durham."

Snipes is brilliant as Sid Deane, a fast-talking Los Angeles basketball hustler.

Harrelson plays Billy Hoyle, a seemingly hopeless out-of-towner looking for a game.

One con-game leads to another and Sid and Billy become hustling business partners, with the playgrounds of Los Angeles their office.

The action is fast, but basketball and hustling are not the only issues presented by Shelton in "White Men Can't Jump."

Whether intentional or not, Shelton gives the audience an accurate portrayal of the racial tension still prevalent in many major cities.

Deane, refers to Hoyle several times in the movie as Opey, equating whites to the "Andy Griffith Show."

Hoyle fires back saying black men would rather look good than win. The bottom line from Snipes? White men



by Ian Hamilton  
Staff reporter

can't jump.

Fast action and fast talking, combined with Snipes' powerful stage presence, make "White Men Can't Jump" a hit.

"White Men Can't Jump" plays through Thursday, and possibly through the weekend, at the Liberty theater.

is the story of a forest community of tree fairies and wildlife hit by the ravages of deforestation.

Robin Williams is the voice of Batty Koda, a whimsical bat, who finds himself running into trees throughout the film.

Williams' personality shows through in Batty, whose dialog seems as though it could be pure Williams improvisation, including impersonations of John Wayne and a supermarket clerk. Batty steals the show, entertaining young and old alike.

Christian Slater is unimpressive as the voice of Pips, one of the numerous tree fairies in the movie. It seems as if Kroyer could not decide whether or not to make Pips a main character. The film would be better off if Kroyer had made Slater the voice of Zak, one of the film's two main characters.

Cheech and Chong are the voices behind two blasé characters who are part of the clan following Pips.

The soundtrack of "Fern Gully" is wonderful, with music from Ton Loc and Elton John. What makes "Fern Gully" special, though, is its message and its audience.

The movie depicts violent deforestation and its consequences. Although the logging equipment is a little far-fetched, the message is clear: humans are destroying the forests by clear-cutting. We are destroying habitats.

The audience is also crucial. As an animated film, Kroyer has effectively marketed his pro-environment message at children, an audience traditionally overlooked by film-makers.

"Fern Gully" plays through Thursday, and possibly the weekend, at the Liberty theater.

Robin Williams, Christian Slater, Cheech and Chong, Ton Loc and Elton John band together to make an animated feature film from Director Bill Kroyer.

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Health Week at  
Kittitas County  
Health Department

by Michelle McBride  
Staff reporter

In observance of state-wide Public Health Week, the Ellensburg/Kittitas County Health Department offered coupons for free immunizations April 1-7.

"Public Health Week focuses on what public health centers do," said Jane Wright, health educator for the Ellensburg center.

The Ellensburg Health Center, provides information and education on maternal and child healthcare, promotes health and wellness and aids in the prevention of communicable diseases.

The center also focuses on environmental health, providing information the public should be aware of, Wright said.

"I would encourage students to use the health center as a resource," she added.

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## Students mosh to Seattle grunge

by Dave Lee  
Staff reporter

The Ultra Lame Festival at the Seattle Paramount April 4 was the place to be for fans of new-wave alternative grunge.

The show, sponsored by Sub-Pop records, showcased top new local bands: **Earth, Pond, Supersuckers, Seaweed and Mudhoney**—who headlined the show.

The concert started off on the wrong foot as **Earth** played 20 minutes of the same distorted, reverberating chords.

"This band sucks," echoed in the Paramount as the fans shouted in disappointment.

As **Earth** crept off stage, **Pond** found themselves in the

position of trying to warm up the bewildered crowd.

Soon the melodic sounds of **Pond** began to erase the horror of **Earth** and the crowd began to move around and enjoy themselves.

The mosh-pit was in full swing as the **Supersuckers** lit up the stage with a hard-driving beat and a wall of distortion.

The reaction of the audience was immediate as a wave of people were tossed around and a few daring stage divers leapt into the crowd.

The crowd's intensity dropped off just a hair as **Seaweed** performed songs off their new album "Weak."

Although **Seaweed** played as intensely as earlier bands, it was not enough to keep up the crowd's energy level.

The mosh pit's intensity

reached a critical level as the headliners of the **Lamefest, Mudhoney**, reached the stage.

**Mudhoney**, predicted by local band followers to be the next Seattle group to explode on the music scene, just signed with major label **Reprise/Warner**.

The concert gave the band an opportunity to play music off their latest album "Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge," which is released on the Sub-Pop record label.

The only way to describe the show is "absolute anarchy," said one exhausted security guard.

The concert ended with a good, socially impacting message from **Mudhoney** bass player **Matt Lukin**: "Always wear your rubber."



Kristen Absher/The Observer

Students from left to right are Julian Kim, So-Ho An, Kumiko Murakashi, Junko Nagakoshi, and Kazumi Sato. A combination of about 200 students and residents mixed and mingled.

## New students receive warm welcome

by Chandra Burdette  
Staff reporter

Central students welcomed a diverse group of newcomers to campus at the SUB last Sunday to discuss cultural issues and make new friends.

"There are about 75 American, 60 Asia University, eight International, and 35 ESL students who all need to be welcomed to Central," Kelly Katzner, the coordinator of this event said.

The students participated in

games and enjoyed refreshments and cross-cultural entertainment, Katzner said.

"We are playing a name game, two variations of telephone, and musical chairs," Katzner said.

Two Japanese singers, a singer from Colombia, and a Chinese dance featured the entertainment, said Katzner.

Many people assisted Katzner in welcoming the new students.

"We tried to get a wide variety of ethnic groups and a diversity of people from campus

to attend," Katzner said. "Faculty, students, and all the clubs and organizations were invited."

Donations from Residence Living and various Ellensburg businesses and restaurants provided refreshments and prizes for the welcoming event.

Katzner is the former president of the International Students Association.

"We did this event two years ago and it went very well," said Katzner. "So I volunteered to do it again; this time I got more people involved."

## Gangs infiltrate classroom

by Andrew Martin  
Staff reporter



Celine Stacheli/The Observer

Tacoma police officer Ron Lewis uncovered the facts about gangs in the classroom.

Tacoma police officer Ron Lewis spoke to eighty people last Thursday in the Mary Grupe Center about gangs in the classroom.

The seminar was sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Children. Veronica Houser, 21, a special ed major from Seattle, organized it.

"The seminar was put on to educate future teachers about gangs in the classroom before we are in the classroom," she said.

"Students are being put into two high gang activity areas, Yakima and Federal Way."

Lewis used an investigative video to start the seminar. It showed a gang leader calling five hundred Crips (a major national gang) together to show them the proper way to carry out a drive-by shooting.

Lewis used a slide show to illustrate gang hand symbols and clothing types. One slide showed a gun lying on top of money, blood and drugs.

"Blood, money and drugs go together—you cannot have one without the other two," said Lewis.

Lewis said there are many reasons why people join gangs. They include peer pressure, self-esteem, respect among peers, and a sense of unity.

"Anyone can join a gang if they choose," he said. "Gangs can be of any race or economic group."

Lewis ended the seminar by talking about many ways for schools to minimize gang activity.

One method, Lewis said, is to educate students, staff and

parents about gangs. Another is to have a no-tolerance policy regarding gangs and have it enforced for all students.

Another suggestion stressed the role of schools in helping people out of gangs.

"Everyone should have an idea of how to help people get out of gangs because you may be the only person that they respect. Respect is very important to gang members and they could lose that if you do not know how to help them."

Lewis's final suggestions included removing graffiti as soon as it is discovered and exposing the culprits, having schools offer classes to teach parents how to deal with children and gangs, and having an "alert" system in place.

Lewis said an "alert" system can be used if the school knows when a gang incident may happen on its grounds.

Lewis describes the alert system as, "A reverse fire drill," where people go indoors instead of outdoors.

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# SPORTS

## Wildcats fighting to make playoffs

by David Jones  
Staff reporter

### BASEBALL

"If you win, they will come."  
Central's baseball team is hearing voices these days.

The 'Cats must win 10 of the last 11 district games, which includes a sweep of Whitworth on April 29, before the playoffs.

However, head coach Desi Storey remains optimistic.

"I'm still hoping we'll get things going and we'll make the playoffs," Storey said. "Talent-wise, we're as good as anybody in the league."

Central fell to 1-4 in district play last week after losing 7-6 in a nine-inning nailbiter at Whitman. The Missionaries rallied from a 4-1 deficit to defeat the 'Cats despite being out hit 12-9.

After a 4-4 tie, Whitman broke away with three runs in the seventh.

Mead Fenton came off the bench for the 'Cats in the eighth inning and hit a solo home run. Chad Bala pulled the 'Cats to within one in the ninth with his RBI single.

With runners on first and second and no outs, Whitman turned a double play. The tying run advanced to third for the 'Cats. The next batter hit a routine ground ball to end the game.

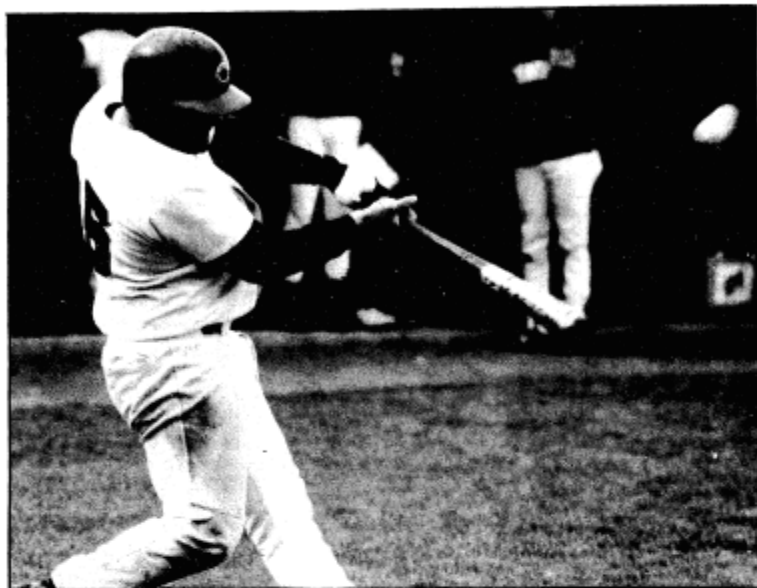
In the game, Kevin Smith abused the Missionaries' pitching staff with two doubles, a triple and two RBIs. Scott Chamberlain and Bala each hit a double and a single in the losing effort.

Chamberlain (co-captain) reflected on the 'Cats' fighting attitude despite having their backs to the wall.

"We can win," Chamberlain said. "This team needs to be mentally tough. We need to continue hitting the ball and play hard all nine innings."

Central starts an 11-game road trip, including three games against the Canadian National Baseball Institute, and a double-header at Lewis and Clark State tomorrow.

"To stay in the race, we need a split down there," said Storey.



Walt Atkinson/The Observer

Despite being "jammed," Eric Sawyer miraculously finds the ball with his bat.

## Tracksters run well despite injuries

by Denise Cugini  
Staff reporter

Central tracksters broke four records at the Western Washington University Invitational last weekend.

Central fared well in three of the four events Friday night.

The women won first place in the sprint medley relay with a time of 1:48.1, just barely missing the NAIA national qualifying time.

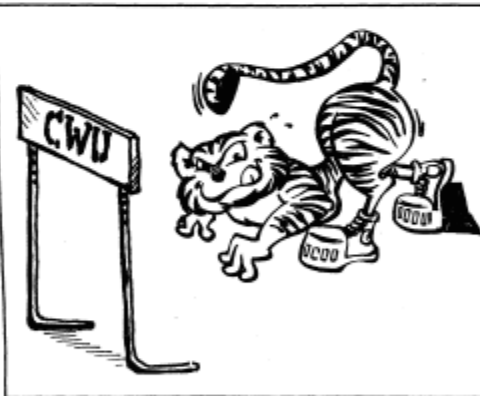
Dave Miskimens produced a fourth place standing in the steeplechase with a time of 10:02.7.

In the 10,000 meter run, freshman Brad Hooper finished

12th among a pack of 26 with a time of 32:01 along with another freshman, Eric Tollefson, who finished 13th with a time of 32:24.

Coach Spike Arlt says he feels good about the freshman running so well so soon.

"We've got some outstanding freshmen (and they) will be an important part of the team



for the district meet," said Arlt.

Records were broken and personal bests acquired during Saturday events.

James Mitchell broke the meet record in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.5. Keith Baker came in second. Both qualified for the NAIA national meet.

Mitchell also took first in the

200-meter dash, as did Baker in the 110-meter hurdles.

The men's 4x100 meter relay took first, along with the 4x400 meter relay team, which also broke the meet record with a time of 3:16.8. Running in this relay were Mitchell, Baker, Goreal Hudson and Brian Meyer.

Gary Anderson finished first in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:03.3.

The women showed their mettle as well by finishing second in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 49.9. Running in this relay were Brena Buck, Tammy Matson, Heather Wade and Dawn Fletcher.

"We have a strong team," said Wade. She thought the team would be ready for districts in spite of injuries suffered by her teammates.

Women's coach Lisa Olson was also pleased.

"This was a good meet to see what they need to work on," she said.

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# Road proves tough for Ladycats

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

by Heidi Trepanier  
Staff reporter

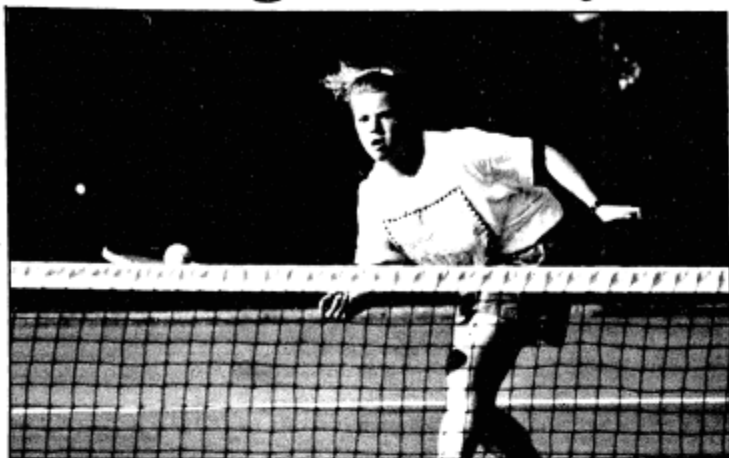
Dropping four matches last week, Central's women's tennis team slipped to an 8-14 record in dual meets.

The 'Cats lost a 9-0 decision to Pacific Lutheran University.

"It (the match) was kind of a disappointment," said Ladycat, Amy Templeton. "We came straight from the van and had to play. We could have played closer matches. Still, every match you learn from, and you find stuff to work on."

The team traveled Saturday morning to Bellingham and lost 8-1 to Western Washington University. Lisa Dirks, a freshman from Woodinville, registered Central's only victory with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Karen Richert at the fourth singles position.

Central then traveled to Auburn Saturday afternoon to take on host Green River, which downed Central 6-3. Templeton prevailed at the second singles position with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Sonja Ellison. Noel Hoiby posted a



Walt Atkinson/The Observer

Sheila Gibbons gets some practice in earlier this season.

6-3, 6-2 victory in the third singles position over Tracy Holt and, in doubles, a 6-3, 6-2 decision was registered by Nancy Cole and Templeton over Vikings Krista Maddock and Ellison.

"It feels good to win your own match," Cole said. "But, you also want the team to win as a whole. You always support your team, but you still enjoy your win."

Hosting the University of Puget Sound on Sunday, Central lost 5-4. Dirks topped Megan Garnsey 7-5, 7-5 while the other victories were by forfeit.

Dirks, playing her first year of tennis, said, "With a few games left before district competition, we will try our hardest to improve."

Hoiby, a senior from Everett, holds the best season record for

the women's team at 11-6 in singles and 8-7 in doubles. Hoiby had an eight-match singles winning streak until her loss against Pacific Lutheran.

Tennis action resumed for the Lady 'Cats as they traveled to Gonzaga University yesterday and will host Yakima Valley Community College this afternoon.

# Men still streaking

## MEN'S TENNIS

Jason Goldner  
Staff reporter

Central's men's tennis team ran its winning streak to seven with consecutive victories on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and head coach Mark Morrill couldn't be happier.

"We're on a good little win streak right now," Morrill said. "This is probably the best team we've had since I've been coaching here," added the three-year coach.

The winning streak began at Gonzaga on Wednesday.

The Whitworth match on Thursday was cancelled due to

rain.

The Wildcats hit the road Friday and shut out Bellevue Community College, 9-0.

The streak continued with two matches on Saturday, the first one at Western Washington at 10 a.m. and the second at Green River at 5 p.m.

The 'Cats defeated Western 8-1 and Green River 6-3 to increase its winning streak to seven and an overall record of 12-8.

Senior Bob Strickland and sophomore Todd Caldwell improved their singles records to 13-8 and both have won eight in a row.

"(Strickland and Shane Valez) are leading us real well," said Morrill.

Sophomore Bobby Huynh has

the best overall singles record for the Cats at 14-6.

In doubles action, Huynh and freshman Valez have won their last seven in a row to improve their record to 13-7.

Central goes for its eighth straight victory here this afternoon against Yakima Valley Community College at 2:30 p.m. and take on Pacific Lutheran here, tomorrow.

"P.L.U. will be a good contest. They'll be very tough for us," said Morrill.

Morrill is looking forward to the district playoffs here at Central the first weekend in May.

"We'd like to move up a spot or two from last year's (finish of fifth place)."

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In the heptathlon, which was run Sunday and Monday, Kennedy Lewis took sixth and Lori Moon seventh. For the men's heptathlon, Jay Spears grabbed a fifth place spot and Jeff Boyle came in eighth.

Central coaches and runners were excited about Central's performance. Although there has been an onslaught of injuries, head coach Charles Chandler said, "It proves we're a strong team."

Coach Arlt added, "We're just trying to get people qualified for the districts and nationals, and that seems to be happening."

The 'Cats travel to Tacoma this weekend to take part in the Puget Sound Invitational.

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